Waiting list for telephone connections in Bihar

2787. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered consumers waiting for Telephone connections in the State of Bihar, district-wise as on 30th June, 1992;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided in the State during the last two years;

(c) the number of PCOs provided to unemployed youth in Bihar during the last two years; and

(d) by when Government propose to provide telephone connections to all the consumers in the waiting list in the State of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) 34529

(c) 412

(d) The Eighth Plan (1992—97) proposals for expansion of telephone exchange network for Bihar as well as the country envisage to provide by the end of the 8th Plan;

Telephone connection practically on demand in the rural and tribal areas.

Waiting period for telephone connection not exceed two years in large telephone systems.

Statement

District-wise waiting list for telephone connections in the state of Bihar as on 30-6-1992.

	Name of Distt.	Waiting List
1.	Banka	43
2.	Bhagalpur	855
3.	Godda	36
4.	Mongyr	95
5.	Jamui	50
6.	Dumka	58
7.	Deoghar	236
8.	Sahebganj	67
9.	Singhbhum (E)	1724
10.	Singhbhum (W)	537
11.	Nalanda	935
12.	Patna	2963
13.	Begusarai	168
14.	Drbhanga	317
15.	Khagaria	Nil
16.	Madhubani	110
17.	Samstipur	172

Name of Distt.	Waiting List
18. Aurangabad	577
19. Gaya	1336
20. Jahanabad	223
21. Nawada	107
22. Bokaro	709
23. Dhanbad	1025
24. Gumla	55
25. Lohardagga	40
26. Ranchi	1757
27. Chatra	23
28. Giridih	06
29. Hazaribag	657
30. Bhabhua	01
31. Bhojpur	246
32. Buxar	108
33. Rohtas	274
34. Garhwa	12
35. Palamu	147
36. Araria	54
37. Katihar	66
38. Kishanganj	59
39. Purnea	297
40. Madhepura	69
41. Saharsa	47
42. Supaul	35
43. Muzaffarpur	1009
44. Sitamarhi	410
45. Vaishali	594
46. Chhapra	113
47. Siwan	254
48. Champaran (E)	59
49. Champaran (W)	38
50. Gopalganj	48

Note: The number of registered con- sumers (applicants) could be slightly lower than Waiting list position as more than one telephone might have been applied for by some of them.